

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled).

21. (New) A data transfer method for transferring data from a displayed operation target arbitrarily selected by a user, said method comprising:

specifying a range of the displayed operation target with an input device;

performing a single event to transfer the specified range of the operation target;

judging whether coordinates of an input pointer of the input device, when the single event is performed, are within the specified range of the operation target; and

transferring data within the specified range of the operation target to a transfer destination when the coordinates are judged to be within the specified range.

22. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21, wherein the step of specifying the range of the displayed operation target with the input device is performed according to a predetermined rule.

23. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21,
further comprising:

range dividing the operation target in advance according to
predetermined rules for the operation target;

5 wherein if an arbitrary range among a plurality of divided
ranges is selected by the input device, the selected range is
used as the specified range.

24. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21,
further comprising:

selecting an arbitrary transfer destination from a plurality
of transfer destinations; and

setting the selected arbitrary transfer destination as the
transfer destination.

25. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21,
further comprising:

displaying a plurality of transfer destinations on a menu;
and

5 selecting the transfer destination from the plurality of
transfer destinations on the menu;

wherein a most recently selected transfer destination is
used as a default transfer destination.

26. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21, further comprising:

performing processing to disable a hyper link in the operation target.

27. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21, wherein the step of specifying the range of the displayed operation target with the input device comprises:

receiving a result of voice recognition of words input from the user; and

determining a part of the operation target corresponding to the received voice recognition result, as the specified range of the operation target.

28. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21, wherein the single event comprises one of: a single click, a double click, and a triple click of a mouse.

29. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21, wherein the single event is performed by a second input device.

30. (New) A data transfer apparatus comprising:
means for displaying an operation target arbitrarily selected by a user;

means for specifying a range of the displayed operation
5 target, and for performing a single event to transfer the
specified range of the operation target;

means for judging whether coordinates of a displayed
component of the specifying means are within the specified range
of the operation target when the single event is performed; and

10 means for transferring data within the specified range of
the operation target to a transfer destination when the
coordinates are judged to be within the specified range.

31. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to
claim 30, wherein the specifying means specifies the range
according to a predetermined rule.

32. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to
claim 30, further comprising:

means for range dividing the operation target in advance
according to predetermined rules for the operation target;

5 wherein if an arbitrary range among a plurality of divided
ranges is selected by the specifying means, the selected range is
used as the specified range.

33. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to
claim 30, further comprising:

means for selecting an arbitrary transfer destination among a plurality of transfer destinations; and

means for setting the selected arbitrary transfer destination as the transfer destination.

34. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of transfer destinations; and

means for selecting the transfer destination from the plurality of transfer destinations on the menu;

wherein a most recently selected transfer destination is used as a default transfer destination.

35. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising:

means for disabling a hyperlink in the operation target.

36. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the specifying means comprises:

means for receiving a result of voice recognition of words input from the user; and

means for determining a part of the operation target corresponding to the received voice recognition result, as the specified range of the operation target.

37. (New) A data transfer system, comprising:

means for displaying an operation target arbitrarily
selected by a user;

means for specifying a range of the displayed operation
5 target, and for performing a single event to transfer the
specified range of the operation target;

means for judging whether coordinates of a displayed
component of the specifying means are within the specified range
of the operation target when the single event is performed;

10 means for transferring data within the specified range of
the operation target to a retrieve server via a browser when the
coordinates are judged to be within the specified range;

means for receiving a retrieve result based on the
transferred data from the retrieve server; and

15 means for displaying the received retrieve result.

38. (New) A data transfer system, comprising:

means for displaying an operation target arbitrarily
selected by a user;

means for specifying a range of the displayed operation
5 target;

means for displaying data of the specified range of the
operation target in an edit window to edit the data of the
specified range;

means for transferring edited data to a retrieve server

10 when an instruction for transferring is received;

means for receiving a retrieve result based on the
transferred data from the retrieve server; and

means for displaying the received retrieve result.

39. (New) A data transfer device comprising:

means for displaying an operation target arbitrarily
selected by a user;

5 means for specifying a range of the displayed operation
target, and for performing a single event to transfer the
specified range of the operation target;

means for judging whether coordinates of a displayed
component of the specifying means are within the specified range
of the operation target when the single event is performed; and

10 means for transferring data within the specified range of
the operation target and data indicating a web address of the
data within the specified range of the operation target to an
editor when the coordinates are judged to be within the
specified range.